

**TOWN OF CHESTER AND CHESTER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING
MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2018**

Moderator William E. Dakin, Jr. called the Chester Town School District Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He welcomed everyone, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moderator Dakin asked the voters if there was any objection to non-voters speaking, if asked to. There was no objection.

Moderator Dakin introduced State Senator Alice Clarkson. Senator Clarkson explained some of the things going on in Montpelier.

Moderator Dakin introduced Chester Town School Directors Marilyn Mahusky and Heather Chase. Moderator Dakin then read the Chester Town School District Warning.

The Legal Voters of the TOWN OF CHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT are hereby notified and warned to meet at Chester Town Hall, Second Floor in said Town of Chester on Monday, March 5, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. to act on the following Articles. Voting on Articles 1, 2 and 3 will be by Australian Ballot on March 6, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Second Floor.

- ARTICLE 1:** To elect Town School District Officers for the ensuing year ending June 30, 2018 (Australian Ballot). **(Results attached)**
- ARTICLE 2:** To elect Directors for Chester-Andover Elementary School for the ensuing year ending June 30, 2018 (Australian Ballot). **(Results attached)**
- ARTICLE 3:** To elect Directors for Green Mountain Union High School for the ensuing year ending June 30, 2018 (Australian Ballot). **(Results attached)**
- ARTICLE 4:** To authorize the Town School District to accept payment from the State Department of Taxes under Act 68. **Leigh Dakin moved Article 4 as written. Seconded by Patricia Benelli. Article 4 voted in the affirmative.**
- ARTICLE 5:** To act on the reports of the Town School District Officers for the year ending December 31, 2017. **Julie Hance moved Article 5 as written. Seconded by Tom Bock. Marilyn Mahusky explained that the Chester Town School District Budget is within the Green Mountain Unified School Budget now, which will be voted on tomorrow. There were cuts in federal spending. The budget is up .11%, per pupil spending is \$15,659.00 and the overall budget amount, to be voted on, is \$12,547,513.00. Jay Blodgett asked if the River Valley Tech Center was included in this amount. Marilyn Mahusky advised no, it is a separate ballot. Article 5 voted in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE 6: To transact any other business deemed proper when met. **Ruth Douglas asked how safe our schools are and what safety measures are in place at CAES and GMUHS. Marilyn Mahusky advised that results of a safety audit is on the agenda for the next Chester Andover Elementary School Board meeting and they will be having necessary meetings to address this issue. There is a committee that meets with the Police Department and there are protocols. Cynthia Collins asked where to find the Supervisory Union Budget. Marilyn Mahusky explained that the costs are within the Green Mountain Unified School Budget and it is broken down into different line items. The largest cost is under Special Education.**

Moderator Dakin advised that the Selectboard would now take their seats and the Town Meeting would start.

Moderator Dakin introduced the Selectboard: Lee Gustafson, Heather Chase and Arne Jonynas, Town Manager David Pisha, Town Clerk Deborah Aldrich, Executive Assistant Julie Hance, Assistant Town Clerk Amie O'Brien and Bookkeeper Cil Mathews. Moderator Dakin then read the warning.

The Legal Voters of the TOWN OF CHESTER are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Chester Town Hall, Second Floor in said Town of Chester on Monday, March 5, 2018, at 6:00 pm., to act on the following Articles. Voting on Article 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be by Australian ballot on March 6, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Chester Town Hall Second Floor.

ARTICLE 1: To elect Town Officials for the ensuing year as provided by the Public Laws of Vermont. (Australian Ballot). **(Results attached)**

ARTICLE 2: Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Chester in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Thirty Six Thousand Dollars (\$236,000.00), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of purchasing the following capital items: \$110,000.00 to purchase a Compaction Roller for the highway department; \$115,000.00 to purchase a new Sidewalk Plow for the highway department; \$11,000.00 to purchase a hazmat trailer for the fire department. (Australian Ballot) **Yes = 335 No = 88**

ARTICLE 3: Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Chester, subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of restoring the Town Hall building, the estimated cost of such improvements being Four Hundred Eight Thousand Dollars (\$408,000). (Australian Ballot) **Yes = 353 No = 70**

ARTICLE 4: Shall general obligation bonds of the Town of Chester in an amount not to exceed Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of constructing a pocket park on School Street. (Australian Ballot) **Yes = 260 No = 161**

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to accept gifts and trust funds for perpetual care of cemetery lots in accordance with conditions of said gifts and trusts as follows: Leona and Wendell Brown, \$500.00; Russel and Jacquelyn Farrar, \$250.00; Virginia Carol Stowell, \$250.00. **Tim Roper moved Article 5 as written. Seconded by Tom Bock. Article 5 voted in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise \$3,038,539.63 to be paid to the Chester Town Treasurer on September 17, 2018, to pay current expenses and any part of the Town's indebtedness. **Tom Bock moved Article 6 as written. Seconded by Leigh Dakin. Town Manager David Pisha made a power point presentation. (copy attached). Tim Roper asked what the compaction roller does. David Pisha explained that it is the final step in the maintenance of a dirt road. It compacts the road and takes away irregularities in the road. Public Works Director Graham Kennedy explained the final step is compaction, it compacts the road after grading and compaction cuts down on dust and seals the road better. The Town of Chester has 98 miles of dirt road. Jay Blodgett asked if the compactor was just for dirt roads. Graham Kennedy replied yes, it is strictly for dirt roads.**

Daryl Martens asked if the fire department has a crew that is trained in hazmat for the requested hazmat trailer. Fire Chief Matt Wilson explained that the hazmat trailer is for hazmat materials that are stored in the station now. They will be able to go directly to a scene with the materials. All fire fighters are trained in hazmat. Matt Prescott expressed that he felt the town employees were doing an amazing job.

Dick Jewett asked what the \$60,000.00 for Route 35 was going to cover. Julie Hance explained that it will do another 300-foot section and the Town is still waiting to hear whether a grant will be received. Dick Jewett asked if there was any paving money in the budget. David Pisha replied not this year.

Matt Prescott asked if there was any update on the Tomasso property. Arne Jonynas explained that negotiations had not been carried through. New England Forestry Foundation is still working on it. The town was hoping to acquire land next to the pinnacle through the Vermont Forestry Foundation to expand the pinnacle property. David Pisha explained that the Trustees of Public Funds and Economic Development accept donations, if anyone is interested in

donating a letter is required to the Trustees. Article 6 voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 7:

To see if the Town will vote to expend from the Capital Budget Reserve Fund, \$447,051.38 to be allocated as follows: \$125,000.00 for the purchase of a new dump truck for the highway department; \$45,500.00 for the Excavator lease for the highway department; \$35,000.00 for sidewalk improvements; \$20,000.00 for the purchase of new signage; \$48,000.00 for the purchase of a new police cruiser; \$20,000.00 for the payment of library loan; \$15,000.00 for renovations to Town Hall; \$8,000.00 for the tree management; \$60,000.00 for improvements to Route 35; \$34,500.00 for the purchase of emergency equipment to include air paks, a new portable water pump and refurbishing the rescue truck; and \$36,051.38 as a transfer to the Bond Plan; all as indicated on the Capital Budget Program schedule and less any grant funds that may be received. **Leigh Dakin moved Article 7 as written. Seconded by Tim Roper. Tom Hildreth asked if the \$35,000 for sidewalks was for the expansion of the sidewalks that were already done or for the new project for sidewalks over the hill. Julie Hance explained that it is for the new sidewalk project over the hill. The engineering and design will start this year. The project will not be finished for four years. Article 7 voted in the affirmative.**

Representative Tom Bock updated citizens on projects being worked on in Montpelier.

ARTICLE 8:

Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$2500 (two thousand five hundred dollars) to support the Chester Fireworks for Labor Day weekend, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691. **Pat Budnick moved Article 8 as written. Seconded by Jack Cable. Pat Budnick would like some help with the organizing of the fireworks, September 1st Labor Day weekend. Article 8 voted in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE 9:

Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THIRTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVEN DOLLARS (\$13,807) to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691. **Tony Weinberger moved Article 9 as written. Seconded by Leigh Dakin. Tony Weinberger explained that the report could be found on page 130 of the annual report. Article 9 voted in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE 10:

Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND AND FORTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$3,044) to help support outpatient, mental health and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.

Edmund Moore moved Article 10 as written. Seconded Kelly Arrison. Edmund Moore spoke about HCRS. There were 120 families served in Chester in 2017. Article 10 voted in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND FORTY DOLLARS (\$3,040) to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Chester in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services to families and individuals in need, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691. **Gladys Collins moved Article 11 as written. Seconded by Joe Karl. Gladys Collins advised that the report could be found on page 127 of the annual report. Article 11 voted in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$900) to the Women's Freedom Center for general budget support to provide services to women and their children who are experiencing emotional, physical and/or sexual abuse and are residents of the Town, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691. **Kari Storm moved Article 12 as written. Seconded by Tim Roper. Kari Storm advised that the report could be found on page 139 of the annual report. Article 12 voted in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,200.00) for the support of Senior Solutions (formerly Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont) for help to support seniors and their families who are trying to remain at home and not be placed in a nursing home, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691. **Nora Ellen Spaulding moved Article 13 as written. Seconded by Penny Benelli. Nora Ellen Spaulding advised that the report could be found on page 128 of the annual report. Article 13 voted in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$2,700 (two thousand seven hundred dollars) to assist with the cost of operating the Meals on Wheels Program of Greater Springfield that provides daily hot and cold congregate and home delivered meals and other nutritional needs to the qualified residents of Chester, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691. **Nancy Lindsay moved Article 14 as written. Seconded by Pat Budnick. Article 14 voted in the affirmative.**

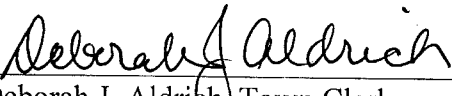
ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$2,250 (two thousand two hundred fifty dollars) for the support of the Current operated by Connecticut River Transit, Inc., to provide transit services to the residents of the Town of Chester, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691. **Steven Davis moved Article 15 as written. Seconded by Penny Benelli. Article 15 voted in the affirmative.**

- ARTICLE 16:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$800 (eight hundred dollars) to support Windsor County Partners, for youth mentoring services provided to children in Windsor County, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691. **Kari Storm moved Article 16 as written. Seconded by Pat Budnick. Kari Storm advised that the report could be found on page 140 of the annual report. Article 16 voted in the affirmative.**
- ARTICLE 17:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$400 (four hundred dollars) to Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center of Windsor County to develop opportunities for people age 55 and older to positively impact the quality of life in the community of Chester through volunteer service, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691. **Ed Knapp moved Article 17 as written. Seconded by Nora Ellen Spaulding. Leigh Dakin advised that the report could be found on page 136 of the annual report. Article 17 voted in the affirmative.**
- ARTICLE 18:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,800.00) toward the support of the Community Cares Network of Chester and Andover, Inc. a non-profit organization which provides services to senior citizens, helping them to stay in their homes longer safely, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691. **David Armstrong moved Article 18 as written. Seconded by Ted Spaulding. David Armstrong advised that the report could be found on page 131 of the annual report. Article 18 voted in the affirmative.**
- ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town of Chester will appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000) to assist in the services of the Chester-Andover Family Center for individuals and families in need, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691. **Stephanie Mahoney moved Article 19 as written. Seconded by Jack Cable. Nina Nanfeldt spoke about the family center. Article 19 voted in the affirmative.**
- ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500) to Neighborhood Connections to cover the cost of providing services in Chester in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691. (This article is by petition) **Leigh Dakin moved Article 20 as written. Seconded by Nina Nanfeldt. Leigh Dakin advised that the report could be found on page 123 of the annual report. Article 20 voted in the affirmative.**
- ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to pay current expenses and any part of the Town's indebtedness. **Dick Jewett moved Article 21 as written. Seconded by Tim Roper. Article 21 voted in the affirmative.**

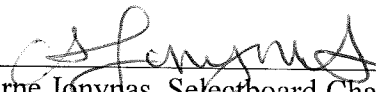
ARTICLE 22: To act on the reports of the Town Officers for the year ending December 31, 2017. **Nora Ellen Spaulding moved Article 22 as written. Seconded by Dick Jewett. Julie Hance explained that there were a few corrections; Deborah Aldrich, Town Clerk term should read 2020 not 2018, Kathy Pellet is a Justice of the Peace and the Historic Preservation Committee report was omitted from the report. The Historic Preservation Committee Report will be on the website. Article 22 voted in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE 23: To transact any other business deemed proper when met, not including the expenditures of Town Funds or other business acted upon in the preceding Articles. **Leigh Dakin commended the producers of the annual report. Tony Weinberger asked about the uniform 911 signs. Arne Jonynas advised that it had been brought before the board with a cost associated with it. The Board will revisit this issue. The cost was \$30,000 to \$35,000. Nora Ellen Spaulding made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Julie Hance. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.**

A true record.


Deborah J. Aldrich, Town Clerk

William E. Dakin, Jr., Moderator


Arne Jonynas, Selectboard Chairman

Marilyn Mahusky, Chester Town School District



OFFICIAL RETURN OF VOTES
ELECTIONS DIVISION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Election	2018 TOWN MEETING AUSTRALIAN BALLOT (03/06/2018)	Town	CHESTER
		District	

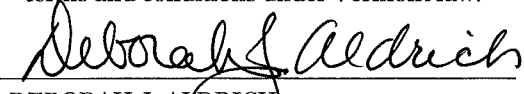
1.	Total Registered Voters on checklist for this polling place:	2,297
2.	Total Number of Voters checked off on the entrance checklist: (this includes absentee ballots)	438
3.	Total number of absentee ballots returned: (Include this count in Line 2)	22
4.	Total number of ballots voted by TELEPHONE:	0
5.	Total number of DEFECTIVE ballots (not counted but name checked off checklist): (certificate not signed but name given; voted ballot not in envelope; voter identity disclosed, etc--Do Not include SPOILED ballots that were returned at the polls & voter was given a new ballot)	0
6.	Number of Voters Checked off Checklist minus votes by telephone and defective ballots (not counted)	438
	6.1 Total Number of Ballots Counted at Polls:	438
7.	Total number of PROVISIONAL ballots (to be sent to Secretary of State):	0


If Line 6 (voters checked off checklist minus telephone votes and defective ballots) and Line 6.1 (total number of ballots counted at the polls) do not agree, please explain the discrepancies below and continue – Line 6 will be adjusted:

Ballot bag seal #:

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☒ I hereby certify, under the pains and penalties of perjury, that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. By checking this box, no signature is needed and you agree to the terms and conditions under Vermont law.


DEBORAH J. ALDRICH
TOWN CLERK/PRESIDING OFFICER


AMIE O'BRIEN
ASST TOWN CLERK/ELECTION
OFFICIAL

OFFICIAL RETURN OF VOTES ENTRY

Election	2018 TOWN MEETING AUSTRALIAN BALLOT	Town	CHESTER
		District	

Name on Ballot	Party	Town of Residence	Vote Cast
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CHESTER TOWN SCHOOL DIST. MODERATOR			Vote for not more than ONE
WILLIAM E. DAKIN, JR.		CHESTER	396
TOTAL WRITE IN COUNTS			1
PHYLLIS SAVAGE (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
OTHER WRITE IN COUNTS			0
SPOILED VOTES			1
BLANK VOTES			40
TOTAL VOTES COUNTED			438

TOWN MODERATOR			Vote for not more than ONE
WILLIAM E. DAKIN, JR.		CHESTER	396
TOTAL WRITE IN COUNTS			1
PHYLLIS SAVAGE (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
OTHER WRITE IN COUNTS			0
SPOILED VOTES			1
BLANK VOTES			40
TOTAL VOTES COUNTED			438

SELECTMEN			Vote for not more than TWO
A. LEE GUSTAFSON		CHESTER	357
BEN WHALEN		CHESTER	363
TOTAL WRITE IN COUNTS			2
KEN BARRETT (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
PETER HUDKINS (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
OTHER WRITE IN COUNTS			0
SPOILED VOTES			0
BLANK VOTES			154
TOTAL VOTES COUNTED			876

OFFICIAL RETURN OF VOTES ENTRY

Election	2018 TOWN MEETING AUSTRALIAN BALLOT	Town	CHESTER
		District	

Name on Ballot	Party	Town of Residence	Vote Cast
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SELECTMEN			Vote for not more than ONE
HEATHER CHASE		CHESTER	339
TOTAL WRITE IN COUNTS			8
DEREK SUURSOO (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
JEFF HOLDEN (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
JOHN DEBENEDETTI (<i>Write-in</i>)			3
JUSTIN SAVAGE (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
RICHARD ALEXANDER JR. (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
WILLIAM DAKIN (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
OTHER WRITE IN COUNTS			0
SPOILED VOTES			0
BLANK VOTES			91
TOTAL VOTES COUNTED			438

TOWN GRAND JUROR			Vote for not more than ONE
TOTAL WRITE IN COUNTS			7
CAROL BALCH (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
JOAN GROSSMAN (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
KATHY PELLET (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
RICHARD ALEXANDER JR. (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
SARAH VAIL (<i>Write-in</i>)			2
WILLIAM DAKIN (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
OTHER WRITE IN COUNTS			0
SPOILED VOTES			0
BLANK VOTES			431
TOTAL VOTES COUNTED			438

OFFICIAL RETURN OF VOTES ENTRY

Election	2018 TOWN MEETING AUSTRALIAN BALLOT	Town	CHESTER
		District	

Name on Ballot	Party	Town of Residence	Vote Cast
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AGENT TO DEFEND SUITS			Vote for not more than ONE
TOTAL WRITE IN COUNTS			5
CAROL BALCH (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
JOAN GROSSMAN (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
PATRICIA BENELLI (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
SARAH VAIL (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
WILLIAM DAKIN (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
OTHER WRITE IN COUNTS			0
SPOILED VOTES			0
BLANK VOTES			433
TOTAL VOTES COUNTED			438

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS			Vote for not more than ONE
SHIRLEY BARRETT		CHESTER	377
TOTAL WRITE IN COUNTS			0
OTHER WRITE IN COUNTS			0
SPOILED VOTES			0
BLANK VOTES			61
TOTAL VOTES COUNTED			438

TRUSTEES WHITING LIBRARY			Vote for not more than THREE
JUDITH L. COPPING		CHESTER	357
LYZA DANGER GARDNER		CHESTER	327
VANESSA HEYBYRNE		CHESTER	325
TOTAL WRITE IN COUNTS			1
DONNA MATHEWS (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
OTHER WRITE IN COUNTS			0
SPOILED VOTES			0
BLANK VOTES			304
TOTAL VOTES COUNTED			1,314

OFFICIAL RETURN OF VOTES ENTRY

Election	2018 TOWN MEETING AUSTRALIAN BALLOT	Town	CHESTER
		District	

Name on Ballot	Party	Town of Residence	Vote Cast
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CHESTER TOWN SCHOOL DIRECTOR Vote for not more than ONE

MARILYN MAHUSKY		CHESTER	308
TOTAL WRITE IN COUNTS			5
HANK MONTY (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
MIKE STUDIN (<i>Write-in</i>)			2
VANESSA HEYBYRNE (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
WILLIAM DAKIN (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
OTHER WRITE IN COUNTS			0
SPOILED VOTES			1
BLANK VOTES			124
TOTAL VOTES COUNTED			438

CHESTER TOWN SCHOOL DIRECTOR UNEXPIRED TWO YEAR TERM Vote for not more than ONE

TOTAL WRITE IN COUNTS			11
DEB BROWN (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
HEATHER CHASE (<i>Write-in</i>)			2
JEFF HANCE (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
JOAN GROSSMAN (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
KATE DESLAURIERS (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
LEE DECATUR (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
LOIS PERLAH (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
MIKE STUDIN (<i>Write-in</i>)			2
TOM BOCK (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
OTHER WRITE IN COUNTS			0
SPOILED VOTES			0
BLANK VOTES			427
TOTAL VOTES COUNTED			438

OFFICIAL RETURN OF VOTES ENTRY

Election	2018 TOWN MEETING AUSTRALIAN BALLOT	Town	CHESTER
		District	

Name on Ballot	Party	Town of Residence	Vote Cast
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CHESTER ANDOVER SCHOOL DIRECTOR			Vote for not more than ONE
MARILYN MAHUSKY		CHESTER	313
TOTAL WRITE IN COUNTS			6
HANK MONTY (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
MIKE STUDIN (<i>Write-in</i>)			2
SHIRLEY BARRETT (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
VANESSA HEYBYRNE (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
WILLIAM DAKIN (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
OTHER WRITE IN COUNTS			0
SPOILED VOTES			1
BLANK VOTES			118
TOTAL VOTES COUNTED			438

GREEN MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DIRECTOR			Vote for not more than ONE
TOTAL WRITE IN COUNTS			33
ALISON DESLAURIERS (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
CAROL BALCH (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
DANIEL DESLAURIERS (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
DEB BROWN (<i>Write-in</i>)			27
JOAN GROSSMAN (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
MICHAEL STUDIN (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
RICHARD ALEXANDER JR. (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
OTHER WRITE IN COUNTS			0
SPOILED VOTES			0
BLANK VOTES			405
TOTAL VOTES COUNTED			438

OFFICIAL RETURN OF VOTES ENTRY

Election	2018 TOWN MEETING AUSTRALIAN BALLOT	Town	CHESTER
		District	

Name on Ballot	Party	Town of Residence	Vote Cast
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BUDGET COMMITTEE			Vote for not more than SIX
TOTAL WRITE IN COUNTS			16
BONNIE WATTERS (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
CAROL BALCH (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
CHUCK GUIRTINO (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
CINDY COLLINS (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
DANIEL DESLAURIERS (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
DEREK SUURSOO (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
FRANK BIDWELL (<i>Write-in</i>)			2
JOAN GROSSMAN (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
JULIE PARAH (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
KATHY GUIRTINO (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
KELLY ARRISON (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
LEW WATTERS (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
MICHAEL CLOUD (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
RICHARD ALEXANDER JR. (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
SUSAN KIBBE (<i>Write-in</i>)			1
OTHER WRITE IN COUNTS			0
SPOILED VOTES			0
BLANK VOTES			2,612
TOTAL VOTES COUNTED			2,628

Vote for not more than ONE			
ARTICLE 2: SHALL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED THIRTY SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$236,000.00), SUBJECT TO REDUCTION FROM THE RECEIPT OF AVAILABLE STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS-IN-AID, BE ISSUED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING THE FOLLOWING CAPITAL ITEMS: \$110,000.00 TO PURCHASE A COMPACTION ROLLER FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT; \$115,000.00 TO PURCHASE A NEW SIDEWALK PLOW FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT; \$11,000.00 TO PURCHASE A HAZMAT TRAILER FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. (AUSTRALIAN BALLOT)			
YES			335
NO			88
SPOILED VOTES			0
BLANK VOTES			15
TOTAL VOTES COUNTED			438

OFFICIAL RETURN OF VOTES ENTRY

Election	2018 TOWN MEETING AUSTRALIAN BALLOT	Town	CHESTER
		District	

Name on Ballot	Party	Town of Residence	Vote Cast
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Vote for not more than ONE

ARTICLE 3: SHALL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER, SUBJECT TO REDUCTION FROM THE RECEIPT OF AVAILABLE STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS-IN-AID, BE ISSUED FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESTORING THE TOWN HALL BUILDING, THE ESTIMATED COST OF SUCH IMPROVEMENTS BEING FOUR HUNDRED EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$408,000.00). (AUSTRALIAN BALLOT)

YES			353
NO			70
SPOILED VOTES			0
BLANK VOTES			15
TOTAL VOTES COUNTED			438

Vote for not more than ONE

ARTICLE 4: SHALL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000.00), SUBJECT TO REDUCTION FROM THE RECEIPT OF AVAILABLE STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS-IN-AID, BE ISSUED FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A POCKET PARK ON SCHOOL STREET. (AUSTRALIAN BALLOT)

YES			260
NO			161
SPOILED VOTES			0
BLANK VOTES			17
TOTAL VOTES COUNTED			438

Vote for not more than ONE

ARTICLE 1: SHALL THE VOTERS OF THE RIVER VALLEY TECHNICAL CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT APPROVE THE SUM OF TWO MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT, FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$2,748,573) TO DEFRAY CURRENT EXPENSES FOR THE ENSUING FISCAL YEAR AND TO PAY OUTSTANDING ORDERS AND OBLIGATIONS?

YES			327
NO			111
SPOILED VOTES			0
BLANK VOTES			0
TOTAL VOTES COUNTED			438

Ballot Question

ARTICLE 23: To transact any other business deemed proper when met, not including the expenditures of Town Funds or other business acted upon in the preceding Articles.

Answer			Vote Cast	
✓	Yes		winner by majority	
	No		0	
Total			0	
✓ - Winner * - Incumbent w - Write-ins				

Ballot Question

ARTICLE 22: To act on the reports of the Town Officers for the year ending December 31, 2017.

Answer			Vote Cast	
✓	Yes		winner by majority	
	No		0	
Total			0	
✓ - Winner * - Incumbent w - Write-ins				

Ballot Question

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to pay current expenses and any part of the Town's indebtedness.

Answer			Vote Cast	
✓	Yes		winner by majority	
	No		0	
Total			0	
✓ - Winner * - Incumbent w - Write-ins				

Ballot Question

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500) to Neighborhood Connections to cover the cost of providing services in Chester in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691. (This article is by petition)

Answer			Vote Cast	
✓	Yes		winner by majority	
	No		0	
Total			0	
✓ - Winner * - Incumbent w - Write-ins				

Ballot Question

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town of Chester will appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000) to assist in the services of the Chester-Andover Family Center for individuals and families in need, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.

Answer			Vote Cast	
✓	Yes		winner by majority	
	No		0	
Total			0	
✓ - Winner * - Incumbent w - Write-ins				

Ballot Question

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,800.00) toward the support of the Community Cares Network of Chester and Andover, Inc. a non-profit organization which provides services to senior citizens, helping them to stay in their homes longer safely, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.

Answer			Vote Cast	
✓	Yes		winner by majority	
	No		0	
Total			0	
✓ - Winner * - Incumbent w - Write-ins				

Ballot Question

ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$400 (four hundred dollars) to Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center of Windsor County to develop opportunities for people age 55 and older to positively impact the quality of life in the community of Chester through volunteer service, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.

Answer			Vote Cast	
✓	Yes		winner by majority	
	No		0	
Total			0	
✓ - Winner * - Incumbent w - Write-ins				

Ballot Question

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$800 (eight hundred dollars) to support Windsor County Partners, for youth mentoring services provided to children in Windsor County, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.

Answer			Vote Cast	
✓	Yes		winner by majority	
	No		0	
Total			0	
✓ - Winner * - Incumbent w - Write-ins				

Ballot Question

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$2,250 (two thousand two hundred fifty dollars) for the support of the Current operated by Connecticut River Transit, Inc., to provide transit services to the residents of the Town of Chester, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.

Answer			Vote Cast	
✓	Yes		winner by majority	
	No		0	
Total			0	
✓ - Winner * - Incumbent w - Write-ins				

Ballot Question

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$2,700 (two thousand seven hundred dollars) to assist with the cost of operating the Meals on Wheels Program of Greater Springfield that provides daily hot and cold congregate and home delivered meals and other nutritional needs to the qualified residents of Chester, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.

Answer			Vote Cast	
✓	Yes		winner by majority	
	No		0	
Total			0	
✓ - Winner * - Incumbent w - Write-ins				

Ballot Question

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,200.00) for the support of Senior Solutions (formerly Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont) for help to support seniors and their families who are trying to remain at home and not be placed in a nursing home, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.

Answer			Vote Cast	
✓	Yes		winner by majority	
	No		0	
Total			0	
✓ - Winner * - Incumbent w - Write-ins				

Ballot Question

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$900) to the Women's Freedom Center for general budget support to provide services to women and their children who are experiencing emotional, physical and/or sexual abuse and are residents of the Town, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.

Answer			Vote Cast	
✓	Yes		winner by majority	
	No		0	
Total			0	
✓ - Winner * - Incumbent w - Write-ins				

Ballot Question

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND FORTY DOLLARS (\$3,040) to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Chester in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services to families and individuals in need, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.

Answer			Vote Cast	
✓	Yes		winner by majority	
	No		0	
Total			0	
✓ - Winner * - Incumbent w - Write-ins				

Ballot Question

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND AND FORTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$3,044) to help support outpatient, mental health and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.

Answer			Vote Cast	
✓	Yes		winner by majority	
	No		0	
Total			0	
✓ - Winner * - Incumbent w - Write-ins				

Ballot Question

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THIRTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVEN DOLLARS (\$13,807) to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.

Answer			Vote Cast	
✓	Yes		winner by majority	
	No		0	
Total			0	
✓ - Winner * - Incumbent w - Write-ins				

Ballot Question

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$2500 (two thousand five hundred dollars) to support the Chester Fireworks for Labor Day weekend, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691.

Answer			Vote Cast	
✓	Yes		winner by majority	
	No		0	
Total			0	
✓ - Winner * - Incumbent w - Write-ins				

Ballot Question

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to expend from the Capital Budget Reserve Fund, \$447,051.38 to be allocated as follows: \$125,000.00 for the purchase of a new dump truck for the highway department; \$45,500.00 for the Excavator lease for the highway department; \$35,000.00 for sidewalk improvements; \$20,000.00 for the purchase of new signage; \$48,000.00 for the purchase of a new police cruiser; \$20,000.00 for the payment of library loan; \$15,000.00 for renovations to Town Hall; \$8,000.00 for the tree management; \$60,000.00 for improvements to Route 35; \$34,500.00 for the purchase of emergency equipment to include air paks, a new portable water pump and refurbishing the rescue truck; and \$36,051.38 as a transfer to the Bond Plan; all as indicated on the Capital Budget Program schedule and less any grant funds that may be received.

Answer			Vote Cast	
✓	Yes		winner by majority	
	No		0	
Total			0	
✓ - Winner * - Incumbent w - Write-ins				

Ballot Question

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise \$3,038,539.63 to be paid to the Chester Town Treasurer on September 17, 2018, to pay current expenses and any part of the Town's indebtedness.

Answer			Vote Cast	
✓	Yes		winner by majority	
	No		0	
Total			0	
✓ - Winner * - Incumbent w - Write-ins				

Ballot Question

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to accept gifts and trust funds for perpetual care of cemetery lots in accordance with conditions of said gifts and trusts as follows: Leona and Wendell Brown, \$500.00; Russel and Jacquelyn Farrar, \$250.00; Virginia Carol Stowell, \$250.00.

Answer			Vote Cast	
✓	Yes		winner by majority	
	No		0	
Total			0	
✓ - Winner * - Incumbent w - Write-ins				